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Reply To: 3460/3410

Date: December 20, 1993

Mr. Tom Gentile
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Public Works Office
Building C-29
Colts Neck, NJ 07722

Dear Tom:

On November 17, 1993, USDA Forest Service personnel conducted a gypsy moth egg mass survey at Earle Naval Weapons Depot. The purpose of the survey was to determine gypsy moth population densities and to assess the potential for defoliation and the need for treatment in 1994.

The survey plot locations are shown in Figure 1. I am pleased to report that no egg masses were detected during the survey. Gypsy moth populations are, at most, extremely low. No defoliation is expected at Earle Naval Weapons Depot so treatment is not necessary in 1994.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please call me at 304-285-1555.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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Figure 1. -- Gypsy moth egg mass survey plot locations at Earle Naval Weapons Station, November , 1993.